

MINUTES
WEST HARTFORD PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
WEST HARTFORD TOWN HALL, ROOM 217

1. The meeting of the West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee was held in Room 217 of the West Hartford Town Hall on Monday, February 13, 2017.
2. The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. There were approximately 15 people in attendance.
3. Scott read the Resolution from the Town Council establishing the West Hartford Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission. He mentioned that the Commission will now address issues related to cycling and pedestrian activities. Mary Ellen has agreed to take a lead role in the pedestrian activities.
4. Duane Martin reported on the Complete Streets annual report. Some of the highlights include 113 sharrow pavement markings installed, 1.74 miles of bicycle routes on North Main Street, establishment of a bicycle route on Ridgewood Road from West Point Terrace to north of the Interstate 84 ramps, 64 crosswalks replaced, 8,544 feet of sidewalk installed and much more. The cost for all of the Complete Streets improvements was \$784,000.
5. Ethan and Daniel gave an update on the Center Street event. They are now looking for sponsors. If anybody works with a company or knows an organization that might be willing to sponsor, please email centerstreetsweha@gmail.com. The event will be held on Sunday, August 27, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in West Hartford Center.
6. Duane gave a report on the Trout Brook Trail, he mentioned that stages 5, 6 and 7 should be completed by the spring of 2018. Those phases run from Farmington Avenue to Asylum Avenue. Funding is already in place for all 3 phases.
7. Duane also gave a report on the New Park Avenue Transit Oriented District Proposal. Although it is currently only in the planning stage, it is hopeful that there will be state or federal money available for this initiative. If constructed, it would permit a cyclist and walker to go from Asylum Avenue to the Fastrac stations on New Park Avenue on a segregated trail.
8. Scott and Duane gave a report on the Corbins Corner Sears building Special Development District Application. Duane mentioned that the Town Council read the concerns addressed by the West Hartford Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission and had asked for those issues to be addressed by the applicant. Partly as a result of our requests there will be additional cycling and pedestrian amenities in this development than originally proposed.
9. Tracy gave a report on the regional planning initiative which will be held in the Town Hall Room 400 on March 22, at 6:30 p.m. Fifteen people from towns surrounding West Hartford have already agreed to come to this event.
10. Steve and Daniel gave a report on Bike West Hartford. They discussed separating the Bike West Hartford website from the West Hartford Pedestrian and Bicycling Commission website, particularly since the latter commission will now be catering both to bicycle and pedestrian initiatives.
11. Scott gave a report on the proposed recreational bike routes. He provided links to googleped routes and asked for feedback.
12. Scott gave a brief report on Cycling Without Age. He mentioned that the program was featured in the latest newsletter of Bike Walk Connecticut with pictures of Kevin Sullivan on the rickshaw.

13. Steve mentioned the Conard Bike Helmet Safety Program. Jeff will be approaching REI and Central Wheel to inquire if they will participate.

14. Scott reported that he will be renewing the insurance for Bike West Hartford which will be a Bike West Hartford expense.

15. A discussion was held about bike racks on Park Road. Scott reached out to the committee to get back to him with suggestions on where to install bike racks on Park Road. Two suggestions were in front of J Renee Coffee Roasters and in front of AC Peterson's.

16. Scott mentioned that the Ride of Silence will take place on May 17. More details will be discussed at the March, 2017 meeting..

17. Scott discussed the Wheels on Wednesdays Program and is looking for a volunteer to head up this program. If you are interested in doing this, please contact Scott.

18. Finally, Duane gave a report on the 2017 paving projects. They include the following: Installation of a bike lane on King Philip Drive from Fuller Street to Mohawk, installation of additional bike lanes on Ridgewood Road from Tunxis Road to Foxridge, repaving of Brookside Blvd. with bike signage and possible sharrows, bike facility on South Main Street between Elmfield Street to the Newington Town line, repaving of the entire length of Flagg Road with sharrows and signage, repaving of the east and west ends of Still Road with pavement markers on both sides of the entire road and resurfacing of Old Meadow Road.

19. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., in Room 217 of the West Hartford Town Hall. Please note the new room location for this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott B. Franklin, Chair
West Hartford Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission